

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY

2019 CONTEST RULES

Supported in part by the Utah Division of Arts & Museums, with funding from the State of Utah and the National Endowment for the Arts, and affiliated with the National Federation of State Poetry Societies.
With sincere gratitude to our generous sponsors.

1. ANY POEM SUBMITTED MUST:

- a. be the original work of the contestant.
- b. be unpublished in any form, including electronically on the submissions deadline date, Feb 1.
- c. not have won a cash prize in any Utah contest.
- d. have a 40 line limit (printed lines) for all categories not stating line limit. Line limit does NOT include title, epigraph, or blank lines. But **does** include stanza headings in words or numbers.
- e. be titled, except haiku.
- f. be typed or computer generated. No illustrations.

No poems will be returned. Poet should retain copies.

2. EXCEPT AS INDICATED in \$hoot for the Loot and Wild Card categories, entrants may submit only one entry in any category, and may not submit the same poem in any other category. Exception: Each unpublished and/or non-cash Utah winner poem included in the Book Publication contest may be entered in one category.

3. CHECK OR MONEY ORDER enclosed must be made payable to UTSPS (initials sufficient) rather than to any individual.

- a. EACH POET ENTERING PAYS A \$5 ENTRY FEE, **THEN**
- b. Non-members may enter categories at \$3 each (except Wild Card category, \$5 per poem). Non-members may not enter contests which are designated "members only."
- c. Members may enter up to 15 categories for \$1 per poem, or \$15 total for entry in more than 15 categories (except \$hoot for the Loot (\$5 per poem) and Wild Card (\$2 per poem) categories.

4. "MEMBERS ONLY" eligible if a paid-up member of UTSPS by January 5th of current contest year. Dues (\$30 regular; \$15 student) must be postmarked by January 5, current year. Print a membership form from our website: utahpoets.com, then mail to address on form with a check for membership made to UTSPS.

5. WHEN TO SUBMIT POEMS:

- a. Contest starting date: entries **must not** be postmarked before December 1st of year preceding contest year.
- b. Contest deadline: entries **must be postmarked on or before February 1** of contest year.

6. HOW TO SUBMIT POEMS:

- a. Send two copies of the poem, typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, on 8.5" x 11" white paper, in black ink, single-spaced. Use standard font similar to Times New Roman or Courier New - 12 to 14 point.

If a poem requires more than one page, staple together at the top left corner all pages of each copy.

- b. On BOTH copies, place number and name of contest in upper left corner.
- c. On second copy only, place name, address, phone number, and E-mail address of poet in upper right corner.

4. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL - - *YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT*

Sponsor: Bill & Candy Lish Fowler

Subject: About the USA. Could be a hometown: a community event, noteworthy character, town tradition, but nothing to do with politics.

Form: Any Prizes: \$75, \$30, \$20

5. WEBB-KOHLER MEMORIAL

Sponsors: Dale H. and Joyce W. Kohler

Subject: Water (river, lake, sea, rain, tears, lack of water, etc.)

Form: Any Prize: \$100, \$50, \$25

6. WORD WEAVERS AWARD

Sponsor: Word Weavers Chapter

Subject: Nostalgia – a bittersweet longing for things, situations, or persons of the past.

Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$40, \$30

7. VALLEY WINDS AWARD

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter

Subject: A single childhood memory

Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$35, \$25

8. PAUL M. FORD AWARD

Sponsor: Paul M Ford

Subject: "Other"

Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$35, \$25

9. CHARACTERS

Sponsor: LaVerna Johnson

Subject: Nursery rhyme character

Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

10. CELEBRATING A SMALL TOWN CHILDHOOD

Sponsor: Marilyn Bushman-Carlton

Subject: A poem dedicated, preferably by relating a descriptive but not didactic experience that took place in a small town. Besides avoiding sentimentalism, the sky's the limit.

Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

11. ANN W. HAFEN MEMORIAL– **FOR STUDENTS**

For: K - 12 Students (One entry per poet)

Three entry groups: A- grades K- 4th, B- grades 5th - 8th, C- grades 9th - 12th

Sponsor: Hafen Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Special instructions: Students need no cover sheet or entry fee, but two copies of poem must be submitted. No identification on first copy, except Grade Level Category - (A, B or C) in upper left corner. Identification copy must include, in upper left corner: Grade level category: (A, B, or C). Poet's name, address, telephone and or email (to contact about win). Signature of sponsor (UTSPS member, parent/guardian, or teacher). This person is a witness that the poem is the original work of the student. No group mailings this year, please.

Prizes: \$20, \$10, \$5 in each entry group

12. REDROCK WRITERS' FOUNDERS AWARD

To honor LaVerna B. Johnson and D. Gary Christian

Sponsor: Redrock Writers

Subject: Unintended consequences

Form: Any Prizes of \$35, \$25, \$15

13. LONG POEM

Sponsor: Judy Johns

Subject: Any

Form: Free verse Line limit: **minimum 40, maximum 100** Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

14. DAVID F. AND ROBERT H. BALPH MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Martha Balph

Subject: A poem about a wild creature or creatures, broadly defined to include subjects from whales to hummingbirds or insects. If the poem is about a domestic animal, it should focus on the wild creature in that animal.

Form: Any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

15. MARY ANN WISEMAN MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Geraldine Felt

Subject: Grandparents or great-grandparents

Form: Any Prizes: \$45, \$30, \$20

16. WOOD MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Marilyn Richardson

Subject: Pinching pennies

Form: Any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

17. TANKA

Sponsor: Grace & Eric Read

Subject: Any

Form: Traditional Japanese form of 5 lines using a syllable count of 5,7,5,7,7,
OR it may be written in 5-line form using: short, long, short, long, long. No title is needed.
with total syllable count between 19 and 31. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

18. VON J. BARNEY MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Grace Diane Jessen

Subject: Any

Form: Rhymed and metered humorous light verse

Line limit: 24 lines Prizes: \$35, \$25, \$15

19. DANIEL SETH MORRISE AWARD (**FOR UTAH RESIDENTS ONLY**)

Sponsor: Martha Morrise

Subject: The human family

Form: Free verse

Line limit: 28 lines Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20

20. GRACE C. BARNEY MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Kim Barney

Subject: Any

Form: Square poem (a Square poem has the same number of syllables per line as there are lines in the poem. For example, a five-line poem would have five syllables per line, and a seven-line poem would have seven syllables per line.) May be rhymed or unrhymed.

Line length: minimum 6 lines, maximum 12 lines Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

21. INTRODUCTION CATEGORY (NON-MEMBER, UTAH RESIDENTS ONLY)

UTAH RESIDENTS who have never been members of UTSPS are eligible.

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: Any

First Prize: Membership in UTSPS and NFSPS for the rest of 2019 and 2020. This includes full contesting privileges, *Panorama*, with right to submit for publication, state and national newsletters, contest and workshop notices, free critiques for 12 poems per year, and a copy of the UTSPS Award Book, for both 2019 and 2020.

Second Prize: Membership in UTSPS through December 31, 2019. This includes *Panorama*, with submission rights, post-April newsletters, contest and workshop notices, free critiques for 12 poems, and a copy of the UTSPS Award book available October 2019.

Third Prize: One book of your choice from past winning books in the book award category. If you are not present at the April Awards Festival, a book will be selected for you and mailed to you.

CATEGORIES 22 THROUGH 34 ARE FOR UTSPS PAID MEMBERS ONLY

22. \$HOOT FOR THE LOOT (Members only)

Sponsor: UTSPS

Entry fee: **\$5 per poem** (no limit on number of entries). **Entering this category gives permission for publication.** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place poems **will be published** in the *Panorama*.

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Prizes: \$200, \$100, \$50

23. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL (Members only)

Sponsor: Zara Sabin Memorial Fund

Subject: The Personal Poem. An expression of a spontaneous, intense, personal emotion. Imagery and metaphor should be used to develop and enrich expression and impact of the basic emotion.

Form: Any

Line limit: no more than 24

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

24. LEROY MEAGHER HUMOR (Members only)

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any humorous — make us giggle, chuckle, or laugh.

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

25. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL (Members only)

Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: An upbeat expression showing awareness of the beauty in the world around us.

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

26. SHORT POEM – VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL (Members only)

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any serious subject.

Form: Any

Line limit: minimum 6, maximum 12

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

27. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE (Members only)

Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: True **light verse**, rhymed, metered, humorous.

Line limit: no more than 8

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

28. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET (Members only)
(Place sonnet form under category number and name)
Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS
Subject: Any
Form: Use correct Shakespearean, Petrarchan, or Beymorlin forms only. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

29. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL (Members only)
Sponsor: Bill Asplund
Subject: Poem about teaching young people.
Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

30. LOVE POEM (Members only)
Sponsor: Kolette Montague
Subject: Love (no explicit erotica or vulgarities)
Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

31. WHITAKER AWARD (Members only)
Sponsor: Rosalyn Ostler
For UTSPS member poets who have not won over \$50 in contesting. Check to make sure! Use specific concrete imagery.
Subject: Any
Form: Any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

32. HAIKU (Members only)
Sponsor: UTSPS
Subject: Any
Any style or form of three-line Haiku is acceptable. Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

33. C. S. WATTS (Members only)
Sponsor: Juanita Watts
Subject: Any
Form: Traditional villanelle Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$30

34. DIXIE POETS AWARD (Members only)
Sponsor: Dixie Poets Chapter
Subject: Cowboy poetry
Form: Rhymed and metered Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

ALICE MORREY BAILEY SWEEPSTAKES (Members only)
Sponsor: UTSPS
A Certificate will be awarded to the UTSPS member accumulating the most points for winning entries (1st place 5 points, 2nd place 4 points, 3rd place 3 points.)

For more information, contact General Contest Chair: Patricia Peterson, patricia.peterson797@gmail.com

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UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD 2019

Sponsor: Johnson Family Foundation and friends of the Laureates

Administrator: UTSPS Laureates (Past Poets of the Year)

NOTICE: CHANGE IN PUBLICATION PROCESS:

BEGINNING WITH THE 2019 BOOK OF THE YEAR, THE BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD
WILL BE OFFERED EVERY-OTHER YEAR.

Book publication schedule: 2019, 2021, 2023, etc. Plan accordingly for your manuscript.

Each Book of the Year is published in *perfect bound* paperback format. **Entrants should understand that winning the contest will necessitate an arduous few months, as time and effort go into preparing the manuscript and completing publication.**

POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 1, 2019.

NO MANUSCRIPT WILL BE RETURNED

POEMS MUST:

- A. be solely the work of the entrant, who has been a **resident** of Utah for three consecutive years prior to the contest, and a **paid member** of UTSPS for the entire years of 2017 and 2018, and renewed by Jan. 5, 2019.
- B. show originality in thought and expression of language.
- C. use imagery and show knowledge of poetic technique.

MANUSCRIPT MUST:

- A. contain 50 numbered pages of poems (no more or less). Poems may be published and unpublished, but manuscript as a whole must be original and unpublished.
- B. be single-spaced in clear black type.
- C. have no more than one poem per page, on one side of paper.
- D. have no more than 32 lines per page, with longer poems continued on subsequent page(s).
- E. contain a title page and a table of contents, not to be counted with the 50 pages of poems.
- F. conform to the high standards of the UTSPS. Avoid slander, denigrations, negative discrimination, profanities or obscenities. Avoid plagiarism.
- G. have no illustrations, no bulky folders or binders, nor be bound or stapled. Please fasten with a binder clip.
- H. contain no author identification. **BUT** a 3x5 card with manuscript title and author contact information must be included.

MANUSCRIPT MAY:

- A. have section pages, not to be counted in the 50 pages of poems.
- B. contain previously published individual poems (permission for use not needed at this time).
- C. include poems which have won cash prizes.
- D. contain poems which vary from traditional to modern.
- E. include poems with a light touch, but a complete collection of light verse or cowboy poetry is not considered.

The Book Publication Committee reserves the right to adjust the format of the winning book, if necessary.

Winner **must be available through the summer** of 2019 while the book is being prepared and printed and must also attend certain special events. Winner must be present for the reading of the book at the October 2019 Poetry Concert. This may be waived or modified in extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the Book Publication Committee and the president of UTSPS.

Prizes:

First: Publication and 50 copies of book Second: \$50 Laureates Award Third: \$25 awarded by UTSPS

Poet may submit one entry only. Previous first-place Book Publication Award winners are not eligible.

Reading fee: \$20 check or money order, payable to UTSPS

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